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localities to which the Elava community cannot have access, such as very near temples or palaces. As long as these schools are so situated, the exclusion must prevail. I do not justify the exclusion, but the fact remains that the schools are so situated as to debar Elava children. Government will now call for a list of all schools so situated and try to transfer them to localities to which all classes of the people may have access. We will make it our policy to remove our schools to unobjectionable places.

Secondly, in regard to girls' schools, the effect of puting the Elava girls in them will probably be to empty the schools of the caste girls. An experiment like that may produce serious results. We cannot jeopardize female education like that. Government are, however, prepared to give favourable consideration to applications for grants for girls' schools specially opened for Elava girls. If members of the Elava community open schools of their own, we shall give them liberal grants. If they are so backward and poor as not to be able to do that, we are prepared to open schools of our own for them.

Thirdly, in regard to the Sanskrit College and the Ayurvedic Patasala, I find that they are now so situated that the members of your community could not go to them. We are not now prepared to throw them open to Elavas. But in regard to admission to the examination referred to by both the members, if any Elava wants to appear for the examination, we shall make special arrangements for his being examined, and give him a certificate if he passes the examination. All that I have so far said is about Government schools.

In regard to aided institutions, Government leave the matter entirely to the managers and are not prepared to lay down any policy for them.

59. *Abolition of the Philosophy chair in His Highness' College.*

Mr. H. Mahadeva Iyer (Member, S. M. R. V. Association, Trivandrum) prayed for the revival of the Philosophy chair in His Highness the Maha Raja's College.

Dewan's reply.—The Philosophy chair in the Trivandrum College has been ordered to be abolished with effect from the next session. Government are not prepared to re-consider their decision.

60. *Technical Education.*

Mr. D. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) urged that the present system of education shoud be reformed and technical education introduced. He pointed

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